

House Resolution No. 4598

Whereas, chartered on November 11, 1953, the Gerald Lions Club is now joyfully celebrating the Golden Anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, down through the years the Gerald Lions Club has contributed more than \$450,000 to the local community, including providing for a 76-acre park; and

Whereas, the Gerald Lions Club has helped financially support MLERF, the Missouri School for the Blind, Leader Dogs for the Blind, LCIF, Campaign Sight First, District 26-A1 Eye Care, District Eye and Tissue Bank, District 26 A1 Eye Foundation, Quest, Deaf Bass Tournament, the PACCT program in the Owensville Middle School, and many other projects; and

Whereas, the Gerald Lions Club successfully meets its motto, "We Serve", through flying the American flag along Highway 50, Christmas street lighting, Lions Park, a rabies clinic, sponsorship of a Lions Club, Leo Club, Cub Scout Pack 448, and Boy Scout Troop 448, supporting a Missouri State Lions Band student, hosting a hearing clinic, and purchasing eye glasses for the needy; and

Whereas, the Gerald Lions Club also contributes funding for Missouri State Lions Athletics, the Park Department, the Athletic Association, the Gerald Area Ambulance District, the Gerald Rosebud Fire Department, Gerald Depot, the Gerald Historical Society, the Gerald Area Library Association, the Gerald Senior Center, Gerald VFW, WC Chandler Youth Camp, Autumn Hill State School, Girl Scouts, Blood Drives, and the Gerald Community Picnic Parade; and

Whereas, along with charter members Paul Garlock and Elmer Haase, the Gerald Lions Club has enrolled Paul Garlock, Elmer Haase, Larry Gebhardt, Gilbert Hoepfner, Eldo Mesger, Harold Meyerkord, Harold Rousset, and Dayton Stewart as life members and Joe Bandy, Allen Lindemeyer, Terry Boettcher, Eldo Mesger, PDG Tom Dwyer, Harold Meyerkord, Paul Garlock, Bruce Morgan, Larry Gebhardt, Harold Rousset, Elmer Haase, Norman Rubenstein, Howard Haase, Dayton Stewart, Gilbert Hoepfner, Red Stranghoener, Cindy Koppelman, Marvin Willmann, Ron Koppelman, Jr., Ed Voss, and Michael Lauth as Melvin Jones Fellows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the worthy goals, exceptional accomplishments, and stellar history associated with the Gerald Lions Club and to convey to its officers and members this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon observing the organization's Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding and our best wishes for many more momentous events to follow; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Gerald Lions Club.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles Schlottach
District No. 111

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4598, adopted November 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker